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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the mercury content of immunizations.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 135.39B, Code 2005, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 135.39B EARLY-CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS -- MERCURY CONTENT.

4 1. a. Beginning January 1, 2006, early childhood
5 immunizations administered in this state shall not contain
6 more than trace amounts of mercury.

7 b. Beginning January 1, 2007, early childhood
8 immunizations for influenza administered in this state and
9 immunizations administered to pregnant or nursing women in
10 this state shall not contain more than trace amounts of
11 mercury.

12 2. For the purposes of this section:

13 a. "Early childhood immunizations" means immunizations
14 administered to children under eight years of age, unless
15 otherwise provided in this section.

16 b. "Trace amounts" means trace amounts as defined by the
17 United States food and drug administration.

18 3. The prohibition under this section shall not apply to
19 ~~early-childhood-immunizations-for-influenza-or~~ in times of
20 emergency or epidemic as determined by the director of public
21 health. If an emergency or epidemic is determined to exist by
22 the director of public health under this subsection, the
23 director of public health shall notify the state board of
24 health, the governor, and the legislative council, and shall
25 notify the public upon request.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill amends provisions relating to the mercury content
28 of immunizations. The bill eliminates the exception to
29 limitations on mercury content for early childhood
30 immunizations for influenza, and requires that beginning
31 January 1, 2007, early childhood immunizations for influenza,
32 like all other early childhood immunizations administered in
33 the state, contain no more than trace amounts of mercury. The
34 bill also requires that, beginning January 1, 2007,
35 immunizations administered to pregnant or nursing women in

1 this state shall not contain more than trace amounts of
2 mercury.

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